

HOUSE RESOLUTION 233

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A RESOLUTION designating the "Bill Harmon Esplanade".

WHEREAS, this General Assembly honors this State's finest citizens by naming highways and bridges in their honor on rare occasions, or at least 70-80 times per session; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Bill Harmon devoted his considerable talents to building good roads, instead of finding good road kill like many of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he also supervised the naming of 14,357 highways and bridges in that important capacity, and he is thus deserving of a road of his own, in addition to Harmon Road in Dunlap; and

WHEREAS, after a long, hard day of making sausage, Chairman Harmon lays down the heavy burden of legislative servitude at precisely 4:45 p.m. to quaff a refreshing beverage in the rarified atmosphere of downtown Nashville's finest dining establishment, which is located at 618 Church Street in the historic Castner-Knott Building; and

WHEREAS, where people once shopped white sales, they now kill brain cells and bask in the fellowship of this vibrant urban community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harmon has become such a valued patron of the establishment that he need not even speak, because his preferred beverage is ready and waiting for him upon arrival; and

WHEREAS, the gentlemen's saloon at such eatery is named "1221" in appreciation of the number of times Chairman Harmon has visited there during the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, a hometown hero who once rescued someone from a burning motor vehicle, Bill Harmon has endured the blazing inferno of the General Assembly to distinguish himself as an excellent legislator, and the aforementioned establishment has become his home

away from home, representing a huge upgrade from Green's Tavern in Dunlap, where the elite meet to kick and stab each other between "swinging doors, a jukebox, and a barstool"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harmon has announced his retirement from this Body, and although we, as his colleagues, are deeply saddened, we do not know the horrific panic New York Stock Exchange investors experienced when **MRT** stock plummeted after the announcement; and

WHEREAS, never in legislative history has a member evidenced such great devotion to Church Street and Nashville's Downtown District, and loyalty such as that demonstrated by Chairman Harmon should be justly rewarded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that Church Street between Seventh Avenue and Capitol Boulevard in Nashville is hereby designated the "Bill Harmon Esplanade" in honor of a powerful legislator with a powerful thirst.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County for joining this Body in paying tribute to a truly dedicated public servant by providing a home at the main branch of its Public Library for "The Bill Harmon Collection," which includes, among many other rare documents, a Win-Bob Drive-In menu from 1965, the complete 2009 federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act and its nine continuing resolutions, Shelby Rhinehart's biography, *Mendacity In the Legislative Process*, and a large Cheatham County road map autographed by Chairman Phillip Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Harmon as a token of our esteem and envy.